

**Recitation of the Claims**

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**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (currently amended):**

A method of operating an Internet Appliance having a network portal configured to provide a local information of said Appliance to a destination server, comprising:

storing in a memory at least one value representative of said Appliance local information in association with a respective variable name;

receiving a message containing a substitutable variable name and addressed to said destination server;

detecting said substitutable variable name in said message;

replacing said substitutable variable name in said message with said Appliance local information from said memory, thereby creating an amended message; and

sending said amended message to said destination server.

**Claim 2 (original):** The method of claim 1 wherein said message and said amended message are formatted to a text-based Internet protocol.

**Claim 3 (original):** The method of claim 2, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Hypertext Transfer Protocol.

**Claim 4 (original):** The method of claim 2, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Session Initiation Protocol.

**Claim 5 (original):** The method of claim 2, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Simple Mail Transfer Protocol.

**Claim 6 (cancelled)**

**Claim 7 (currently amended):**

An Internet Appliance comprising a network portal configured to provide a local information of said Appliance to a destination server, comprising:

    a memory for storing at least one value representative of said Appliance local information in association with a respective variable name;

    a receiver for receiving a message, said message addressed to said destination server and consisting partly of a substitutable variable name;

    means for identifying said substitutable variable name;

    a processor for replacing said substitutable variable name in said message with the value representative of said Appliance local information from said memory, thereby creating an amended message; and

    a transmitter for sending said amended message to said destination server.

**Claim 8 (original):** The network portal of claim 7 wherein said message and said amended message are formatted to a text-based Internet protocol.

**Claim 9 (original):** The network portal of claim 8, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Hypertext Transfer Protocol.

**Claim 10 (original):** The network portal of claim 8, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Session Initiation Protocol.

**Claim 11 (original):** The network portal of claim 8, wherein said text-based Internet protocol is Simple Mail Transfer Protocol.

**Claims 12-13 (cancelled)**